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EXAMINING GROUP 3738**

Attorney Docket No. 06530.0275
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Susan I. SHELSO)
Application No.: 09/753,448) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: January 4, 2001) Examiner: K. LANDREM
For: EXPANSION-ASSISTING)
DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR)
SELF-EXPANDING STENT)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 17, 29, 31, and 44 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A delivery system for a self-expanding stent, the
delivery system comprising:
a catheter having a distal end, the catheter being configured to retain
self-expanding stent proximate the distal end, the catheter including

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